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 LR 349-353

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR JANSSEN: ...you'll win \$5,000.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Mr. Clerk, priority motion.

CLERK: I do, Mr. President. And if I may, some items before that.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Yes. Items for the record.

CLERK: Mr. President, thank you. Study resolutions LR 349 by Senator Preister, LR 350, Senator Erdman, LR 351, LR 352, Senator Erdman, and LR 353, Senator Wehrbein. All study resolutions, all to be referred to the board. (Legislative Journal pages 1234-1236.)

Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to bracket the bill until April 10, 2002.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on the bracket.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm doing this in the interest of efficiently managing our time as well as trying to accomplish a purpose that I think is wholesome and beneficial to the people of this state. If we adopt this bracket motion, the bill is dead for this session. If I waited until we got to a vote on the bill itself, there is a great deal of discussion that would take place. Even if we voted not to advance the bill, we would have wasted a lot of time. But if a lot of time is going to be taken, I want to participate in taking that time so that I can stop the bill from moving. If this bracket motion fails, it means that the body is in favor of this bill, which means I have to do everything I can to stop it. So if this motion is unsuccessful, then I'm going to have to begin delaying tactics, and I will state categorically in the beginning, this will be one of those efforts which I myself will label a filibuster. My only intent, my only intent will be to take so much time that either Senator Janssen, under the pressure from his colleagues, will pull the